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August 2004 totaled 65.1 million bushels, up 4 percent from the same period a year ago.

US Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.52 billion during August 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, down slightly from August 2003. August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, compared to August 2003 which contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Layers & Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, United States, August - September 2003 - 04

Item	2003 ^{1/}	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Layers during Aug (Thousand)			
All Layers	334,332	342,039	102
Table Egg Type	276,528	283,515	103
Hatching Egg Type	57,804	58,524	101
Eggs per 100 Layers during Aug (Number)			
All Layers	2,203	2,197	100
Table Egg Type	2,277	2,267	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,851	1,859	100
Eggs produced during Aug (Million)			
All Layers	7,367	7,515	102
Table Egg Type	6,296	6,427	102
Hatching Egg Type	1,070	1,088	102
Item	2003 ^{1/}	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Layers on Sept 1 (Thousand)			
All Layers	334,248	342,466	102
Table Egg Type	276,881	284,052	103
Hatching Egg Type	57,367	58,414	102
Eggs per 100 Layers on Sept 1 (Number)			
All Layers	70.6	70.8	100

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Small Grain Production

UTAH: Utah production for the 2004 crop year is up for barley,all wheat, winter wheat, other spring wheat and oats, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields were also up from the 2003 levels for barley, all wheat, winter wheat, and other spring wheat, but down for oats.

In Utah, **barley** harvested acres were up from 35,000 acres in 2003 to 40,000 acres this year. Yield was up from 80 bushels per acre to 86 bushels per acre resulting in production of 3.44 million bushels, up from 640 thousand bushels from 2003. **Winter wheat** harvested at 120,000 acres, was down 5,000 acres from 2003, but production was 35,000 bushels higher in 2004. Yield at 43 bushels per acre, was 2 bushels higher than last year. **Other spring wheat** harvested acres, at 12,000 acres, remained the same as 2003. Production was 696,000 bushels, 26 percent higher than 2003. The yield of 58 bushels per acre was an increase of 12 bushels per acre from the previous year. The 2004 production of **oats for grain** was up 27 percent from 2003 to 624,000 bushels. Growers harvested 8,000 acres at an average yield of 78 bushels per acre, 4 bushels to the acre less than in 2003.

UNITED STATES: **All wheat** production totaled 2.16 billion bushels in 2004, up 2 percent from the last forecast but 8 percent below 2003. Grain area is 50.2 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 43.1 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from a year ago. Levels of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.50 billion bushels, down 13 percent; other spring wheat, 574 million bushels, up

8 percent; and Durum wheat, 90.5 million bushels, down 6 percent. **Oat** production is estimated at 117 million bushels, 9 percent below the August 1 forecast and 19 percent below last year's 144 million bushels. The estimated yield is 64.5 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from August and down 0.5 bushel from a year ago. Record high yields are estimated in South Dakota and Washington. Harvested area is 1.81 million acres, 7 percent below the August 1 forecast and 19 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend. **Barley** production is estimated at 280 million bushels, up 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 1 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at a record high 69.5 bushels, is up 3.8 bushels from the last forecast and 10.6 bushels above 2003. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.03 million acres, down 3 percent from August and 15 percent below a year ago. The increase from the previous production forecast is mostly due to Montana, where harvested area is up 50,000 acres and the yield increased by 8 bushels per acre. For Idaho, North Dakota, and Washington, yields increased from August but are more than offset by decreases in the harvested acreage, resulting in lower production.

UTAH: On September 1, 2004 stocks of corn at off-farm locations in Utah were at 609,000 bushels. All wheat stocks at off-farm locations totaled 5,481,000 bushels compared with 5,061,000 bushels on September 1, 2003. Off-farm barley stocks on September 1, 2004 were at 577,000 bushels, down 374,000 bushels from last year. Oats stocks were at 55,000 bushels on September 1, 2004, up 8,000 bushels from last year. No on-farm stocks are published in Utah.

UNITED STATES: **Old crop corn** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 958 million bushels, down 12 percent from September 1, 2003. Of the total stocks, 438 million bushels are stored on farms, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 520 million bushels, are down 14 percent from the previous year. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance is 2.01 billion bushels, compared with 1.90 billion bushels during the same period last year. **All wheat** stored in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 1.94 billion bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 796 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance is 769 million bushels, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 91.3 million bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 66.6 million bushels, are up 15 percent from September 1, 2003. Off-farm stocks totaled 24.7 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance of 25.9 million bushels is down 31 percent from the same period a year earlier. **Barley** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 292 million bushels, up 21 percent from September 1, 2003. On-farm stocks are estimated at 177 million bushels, 24 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 115 million bushels, are 16 percent above September 2003. The June - August 2004 indicated disappearance is 109 million bushels, 2 percent above the same period a year earlier. **Oats** stored in all positions on September 1, 2004 totaled 116.3 million bushels, 12 percent below September 1, 2003. Of the total stocks on hand, 74.8 million bushels are stored on farms, down 9 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 41.5 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year earlier. Indicated disappearance during June -

U.S. Cold Storage Highlights

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on August 31, 2004 were greater than year earlier levels for beef, chicken, orange juice, frozen fruit, and cheese.

Butter stocks were down 16 percent from last month and down 36 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 4 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 4 percent from last month, but down 10 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 35 percent from last month and down 16 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on August 31, 2004 were 1 percent lower than the previous month and 1 percent lower than a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from the previous month, but 18 percent higher than last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 2 percent from last month and down 17 percent from August 31, 2003.

Stocks in Cold Storage, United States			
Commodity	Aug 31, 2003	Jul 30, 2004	Aug 31, 2004
1,000 Pounds			
Total Frozen			
Eggs	18,044	16,720	17,157
Chicken	617,698	730,290	728,071
Turkey	706,502	599,589	585,059
Total Poultry	1,328,264	1,330,851	1,314,131
Cherries, Tart			
RTP	112,485	80,072	93,930
Juice	3,899	1,108	1,017
Cherries, Sweet . .	10,273	9,572	8,251
Potatoes	1,070,421	1,117,070	1,126,930
Beef	370,992	427,047	447,736
Pork	430,239	373,399	387,899
Lamb & Mutton			
5,855	3,376	3,879	
Total Meat	817,317	814,258	848,908
Total in Storage			
Apples, Fresh	106,478	274,294	83,795
Butter	253,913	193,520	162,897
Cheese, Natural . .			
American	546,627	615,904	572,753
Swiss	22,172	28,012	26,106
Other Natural . . .	225,416	225,686	220,178

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 35.8 million pounds in Aug 2004, .06 percent above August of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for August 2004 totaled 46,100 head, 2.3 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,217 pounds, up 35 pounds from August 2003. **Hog slaughter** totaled 4,200 head, down 400 head from August 2003. The average live weight was 225 pounds, same as the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during August 2004 totaled 2,700 head, 200 head above the previous year. Average live weight, at 130 pounds, 4 pounds above the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial Red Meat for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in August 2003. **Beef production**, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,252 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 13.9 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,800 head, down 9 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 320 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 232,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago. **January to August 2004 commercial red meat production** was 29.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter,August 2003-2004 ¹				
Item	Utah		United States	
	August		August	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	35.6	35.8	3,916.7	3,878.0
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	47.2	46.1	3,138.8	2,819.3
Calves	1	1	79.6	72.8
Hogs	4.6	4.2	8,057.9	8,719.8
Sheep & Lamb	2.5	2.7	241.6	232.6
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,182	1,217	1,225	1,252
Calves	1	1	294	320
Hogs	225	225	260	262
Sheep & Lamb	126	130	129	129

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Agricultural Prices

Utah: Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-Sept 2004, compared with August 2004, were down for barley, and alfalfa hay, and up for other hay, lambs, and sheep according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for August 2004 was \$100.00 per cwt, up \$13.00 from September 2003. The August 2004 sheep price, at \$33.00 was \$5.00 above September 2003.

Barley, at \$2.09 per bushel, was down 21 cents from the previous month's price and 26 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$85.00 per ton, down \$2.00 from last month but \$4.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$78.00 per ton, was \$2.00 below last month but \$17.00 higher than September 2003.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (5.0 percent) below the August Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index, declined 7 points (5.9 percent) from August while the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (4.1 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broccoli, wheat, grapes, oranges, and peaches. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, cattle, corn, and lettuce. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn, and apples offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from September 2003.

The Food Commodities Index declined 6 points (4.9 percent) from last month to 117. The index stands 5 points (4.5 percent) above September 2003.

Average Prices Received by Farmers							
Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004 ¹	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004 ¹
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	87.00	100.00	(²)	95.10	97.80	(²)
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	28.00	33.00	(²)	32.50	38.50	(²)
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.35	2.30	2.09	2.88	2.79	2.56
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	81.00	87.00	85.00	86.70	97.40	95.50
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	61.00	80.00	78.00	68.20	70.00	65.70

¹ Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

² September data will be published next month.